

## REMARKS

### *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)*

In the Office action, independent claims 12, 22, 24, and 28 were rejected as being anticipated by Delaney. In view of the present amendments the claims are believed to be patentable over Delaney.

Independent claim 12 calls for a processor, and a data storage medium coupled to said processor and storing instructions enabling said processor to set up an on-line meeting with a remote processor-based system, receive data from the remote processor-based system related to information to be transmitted, determine whether the information is already stored in a local cache coupled to said processor before completing a download of the information, and retrieve the previously locally cached information to display an image on said processor-based system during the on-line meeting if the information was locally cached.

Delaney fails to disclose determining whether information is stored in a local cache coupled to a processor before completing a download of the information (from a remote source) and retrieving the previously locally cached information to display an image on the processor-based system during an on-line meeting (with the remote source) if the information was locally cached.

Some embodiments of the present invention are directed toward multi-party communications over a computer network such as on-line conferencing. On-line conferences may include slides as part of a presentation. Conference participants may view slides at or nearly at the same time. Thus, images whether graphical, pictorial, text, or the like may be displayed during the on-line conference. During the course of an on-line meeting, a meeting presenter may occasionally flip-flop between different slides. Some embodiments of the present invention expedite viewing of a slide that has already been received by a meeting participant.

In contrast, Delaney, receives a data packet from a peer only when a particular client first determines that it does not have a given data packet stored locally. There is no

showing in Delaney that where a particular peer client finds the packet locally it does a “neighbor search” for the packet. If a neighbor search is not entered into and the particular peer client retrieves information from its own cache, an on-line meeting is not established. For at least this reason, Delaney fails to anticipate amended claim 12 and claims dependent thereon. Under a similar analysis independent claim 24 and claims dependent thereon are patentable over Delaney.

### ***Claim 22***

It is respectfully submitted that Delaney fails to disclose displaying an image on a first processor-based system during an on-line meeting with a second processor-based system and sending data to the second processor-based system related to the displayed image.

For example, in the cited passages of Delaney there is no teaching that the data packet desired by peer client 20 is related to an image being displayed on peer client 22. In fact, there is no mention in the cited passages of any image being displayed on peer client 22, much less doing so during a query from peer client 20. Thus, *prima facie* anticipation has not been established with respect to claim 22. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

### ***Claim 28***

Claim 28 calls for receiving data from a second processor-based system, upon receipt of the data, comparing the received data with data previously cached on a first processor-based system, and replacing the data previously cached on the first processor-based system with data received from the second processor-based system if the received data differs from corresponding data previously cached on the first processor-based system.

In Delaney, a requesting client may query other clients on the LAN to determine if any of the neighboring clients has a particular data package. However, as previously explained, a requesting client looks for a data packet stored in its own memory *before* making a request. If the desired data package is not found in the requesting client’s memory, the client then queries a peer client. Column 5, lines 19-28. Thus, the

requesting client does not receive a data packet from a peer and compare the data packet with a data packet in its memory. In other words, a given client either has the data packet in memory or it receives the data packet from a peer (or externally) because it does not already have the data packet. As such, Delaney neither teaches nor suggests upon receipt of data, comparing the received data with data previously cached data and replacing the previously cached data with received data if the received data differs from the corresponding previously cached data. Accordingly, claim 28 and claims dependent thereon are patentable over Delaney.

***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

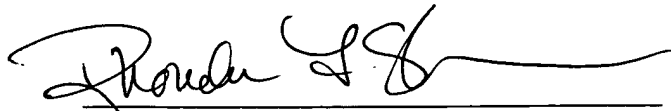
Claim 1 was rejected as being obvious over Delaney in view of Maddalozzo. Claim 1 has been amended to call for upon receipt of image data, utilizing the received image data to determine whether the information for the image is already stored in a local cache coupled to a first processor-based system, and retrieving the previously stored image information from the local cache if the information was locally cached. It is submitted that neither Delaney nor Maddalozzo disclose or suggest receiving image data and using the received data to determine if information for the image is already stored on a local cache, and if so, retrieving the locally cached information.

For example, Delaney does not receive image data and use that data to determine if image information is stored in the local cache. *See* Office action, page 8. Likewise, any newer or different file copied to a requesting network server in Maddalozzo is archived and delivered to a requestor. Column 12, lines 32-37. Thus, in Maddalozzo the older version of the file is not delivered. As such, claim 1 and claims dependent thereon are believed to be patentable over the cited art.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0680US).

Respectfully submitted,

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